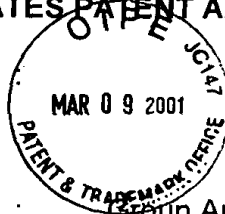


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In re Application of

Christian BUSSON et al.

Serial No.: 09/730,794



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For: DEVICE FOR CONNECTING A PIPE THAT IS INTENDED FOR HEATING AND/OR COOLING A PRESSURIZED REACTOR AND SAID REACTOR

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after three months of the filing of the above-identified application, but before the mailing of the first Office Action on the merits of the case; therefore, no fee is required herein.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98, Applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the documents are also submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record.

The documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in a Search Report (copy attached) directed to a counterpart international or foreign application.

Respectfully submitted,

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